

Eleventh Hour Answers Pour in From Puzzles

REALIZING possibly that their hour was about to strike the puzzlers got "a hurry on" today and ever so many forwarded lists. Some of those who replied tell me they have been working on them all week.

One or two have tried to make a presentation a bit out of the ordinary but somehow or other the authors seem as a general thing not to lend themselves readily to unique forms. A good-looking, well-written or well-typed solution, correctly made and forwarded as early as possible is about all the authors and their famous sayings seem "good" for.

This evidently is the consensus of puzzlers' opinion, too, I surmise, since only

one or two out of several hundred have forwarded any other form.

Once again I am face to face with the problem of another puzzle, but this time the way looks easy. So many expressions of approval in regard to the literary puzzles have been received that I propose to look up at least one more of this sort before opening up a new vein.

Now is the time for you all to register your preferences, too, so don't be backward. Speak up and help the editor come to a decision which concerns each member of the family.

Frances Carroll

Answers to Queries From Times Readers

Face Value Only.

Anxious Reader, Rosslyn, Va.—The Lincoln pennies either with or without the initials command only face value. You are quite mistaken in your statement. This inquiry has been answered in this column several times in the past few weeks.

Give Butterfly Party.

Madame X.—Why not give a butterfly party for your small daughter? Have a large bunch of daffodils in the center of the table where the refreshments are served—and then hang, by means of very fine threads, from the chandelier, paper or silk butterflies—yellow and brown to harmonize with the floral decorations. Have some large paper butterflies made to put in the hair of the little girls as they come.

The principal feature of the party would be a butterfly-hunt for flowers. You should have flowers concealed about the room, and should give each child a basket, prettily trimmed, with which she is to hunt for them. Carry out the butterfly idea in every possible way, and I think the children will be very much amused. You can have boxes of candy decorated with butterflies for souvenirs.

OLDTIME SPENCERS LIKE JAUNTY COATS

Jaunty little coats worn with wool skirts resemble oldtime spencers and are of changeable taffeta, the fullness shirred into the waist, leaving a gathered, baggy beneath.

Plain and dotted foulard in conjunction is used, the figured material utilized in bands and stripes for the sake of variety. On one a quarter of a yard ruffle, flatly plaited, was sewn on just beneath the hips onto a deep round yoke.

BELTS OF MOIRE.

Among new belts are those of moire elastic, broad and with heavy gilt buckles. Others are of gold galoon incrustated with a pattern in tarnished gold and often worn with a chateleine bag hanging from one side.

NEEDLEBOOK COVERS.

Soft-finished leather with or without a burnt design makes an excellent cover for needlebooks, to be used in traveling or carried in a satchel. They can be rolled up snugly without harm and tied with a ribbon, and tucked into any small space.

The Bedtime Story.

Published for the thoughtful mothers who wish to read to the little folk while they are being tucked into their beds for the night.

"THE LITTLE CITY MICE."

THIS is the story that Ethel's father told her one night:

Mr. and Mrs. City Mouse lived in a great big office building with their little daughter, Maudie Mouse. Maudie was one of the prettiest little mice you ever saw, and she used to spend her time at night playing with little Charlie Mouse in a great big waste paper basket which stood in Mr. Jones' office in the great big building in New York city.

One night Mr. City Mouse said to his good wife: "Do you know I do not like these office buildings? They are made out of stone, and there isn't a chance for us to hide that there used to be in the old building, and there isn't very much to eat. Why wouldn't it be a good idea for us to move into the country? We might go out and see our cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Country Mouse."

"That is very thoughtful of you," said Mrs. City Mouse, "but how on earth are we going to move our things?"

"I think the best thing to do would be to leave all of our furniture here. It is

BANDS OF VELVET WORN ABOUT NECK

With the low-cut blouses and the Dutch necks dominating waist styles, women speedily discovered the attractiveness of the velvet ribbon band about the throat.

A distinct novelty embodying this idea is the band made under a thin strip of spring steel.

This can be sprung around the throat on the same principle as the trouser guards that the cyclist used to wear.

Most of these are ornamented with bows or buckles or tiny pendant tassels, and give a distinctive touch to the costume.

FARM SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

Mrs. Emma Erskine Hahn, of Stamford, Conn., president of the new Town and Country League, is planning a farm school for boys modeled after the farm school for girls conducted by the Countess of Warwick in England. Mrs. Hahn proposes to obtain a farm within 100 miles of New York, and to conduct it on the cottage plan, with house mothers in charge of each cottage, so that the boys will get as much home life and influence as possible. The age limits for the boys will be seven and fourteen years.

FRENCH EFFIGIES.

There is not a village nor hamlet in France that does not claim its great man whose effigy the natives are anxious to perpetuate, although that great man may only be a gentleman who has presented his fellow-townsmen with a new fire engine, or a chest protector for the local policeman.

NATTY EFFECT IN FROCKS

This Attractive Gown In Two Materials

SAGE GREEN SHANTUNG.
Sage green Shantung, 27 inches wide, 11 yards, at \$30 yard.....\$4.25
Japanese embroidered allover lace, for yoke and cuffs, 22 inches wide, 1/2 yard, at \$1.98 yd. 1.24
Soutache braid, 4 pieces, at 25c piece......1.00
Total.....7.09

WISTERIA MERCERIZED POPLIN.
Wisteria mercerized poplin, 27 inches wide, 11 yards, at 18c yard.....\$2.09
Swiss allover embroidery, for yoke and sleeves, 22 inches wide, 1/2 yard, at \$1.00 yard......83
Soutache braid, 4 pieces, at 25c for two dozen yards......58
Button molds (to be covered), 2 at 5c each......10
Total.....3.40

Daily Fashion Talk.

By FRANCES CARROLL.

FOR a simple little frock combining good lines with ease and comfort the pattern I am presenting today has much to commend it to the attention of the home dressmaker.

The arrangement of the tunic over drapery is one of the characteristic features, and another point worth noting is the trim belt line. The wide extensions over the shoulder give breadth to the figure without inducing clumsiness, while a natty effect is added by the double row of buttons with simulated button holes which supplements the

bonnet trimming of net and soutache. Shantung or mercerized poplin are materials which lend themselves readily to the elaboration of the garment.

The McCall pattern required may be had at the Palais Royal.



Fluffy Little Tulle Bows In Vogue; Worn With Beads

Fluffy little bows, almost rosettes, of fine tulle are again in vogue. Nothing lends a more becoming touch to neckwear for the right occasion. They are not suitable for morning wear, or with shirt waist suits, or with rough-and-ready street gowns.

Row-knots of beads strung on wire are worn with the tulle, especially in the evening, though one sees them at luncheons and receptions. The jeweled make-up these little bow-knots in seed-pearls, but for what is probably only a fancy of the moment, a clever girl might better spend her money for something else, and make for herself a knot of tiny wax beads strung on gold wire.

Small sapphire-colored beads strung on silver wire make a charming combination with the white tulle.

Woman's Spear Shortened By Ordinance in Chicago

It is now a misdemeanor for a Chicago woman to wear a hatpin which projects more than one-half inch beyond the crown. The ordinance so providing has passed the assembly and was signed by the mayor, despite the opposition of the women and persistent "boos" as the measure came to a vote in the municipal law-making body.

It required more than four weeks' work on the part of the legal advisers of the city to draft an ordinance which they were satisfied would withstand the test of the courts. Hearings were had and there were many protests on the ground that there was no power in the city to regulate women's apparel.

It was also contended that the long hat pins were a weapon of defense. But the law passed, and so women's spear will have to be shortened.

BI FRONT SEEN IN MANY DRESSES

The bi front is a distinctive feature of many dresses. A sharply pointed bit cut in one with the skirt is often attached to the transparent blouse. Many skirts are crossed over in front diagonally, and look well in striped and checked material, causing the back to remain bias.

Season's Materials

Crepes, figured and plain, play an important part in the exhibitions of modish materials. A new plain crepe is so rough that it appears almost like tussor silk. Foulards are numerous, latest taking much bolder designs—Oriental looking figures in high color; bunches of flowers are, however, one degree newer.

Serges continue in all degrees of roughness to be the thing for the severe tailor made. They are striped or mixed in effect rather than plain.

For the trimmed tailor trade there is a new silk broadcloth and a closely woven silk serge that resembles a damask. Grays are much liked in these, and raven blues are also very distinguished.

Apart from the overdone idea, trimmings most frequently take the form of embroidery. Japanese stitches and patterns, a loose effective work, in the shade of the gown, is very popular. Sleeves are charming; they are three-quarter length or shorter, they are small, but the long, straight sleeve of tulle that was worn by so many people who could not stand it taught us many lessons. For instance, if a woman has small shoulders, the sleeve may be slightly puffed into the armhole.

There is, nowadays, nearly always an oversleeve and an undersleeve, sometimes when there is a chiffon covering there are three actual sleeves, each passing a little below the other. In evening gowns the simple cap sleeve that is so very becoming is most prevalent, but there are also many and various sorts of short puffed sleeves.

CHANTECLER RED ON BLACK GOWNS

Vivid touches of orange and Chantecler red are in evidence on black gowns, and there is much black used this season, as well as black and white. Of black and white printed checked Brussels net is a striking frock illustrating this color combination. The net is hung over a foundation of steel gray meshing, and weighted with a deep hem of Chantecler red cachemire de sole under the net. The hem is fourteen or fifteen inches deep, and in front is extended into a square turtleneck to which the net is attached by cord shirtings. The bodice of net is drawn over a yoke of red cachemire de sole, and the vivid color is again repeated in the trim little turn-back collars of the same material and in the belt.

Daily Horoscope

"The stars incline, but do not compel."

Saturday, April 2, 1910.

He will not win today who roughly makes his way.

THE Moon, in the last quarter and farthest south, is in a sign today that is held by astrology to make influences that incline men to be too exacting and susceptible. Often under this sign there is a tendency to rush to extremes.

It will be wise to beware of persons who habitually speak in overstrained terms, praising or criticizing without discretion, as they will be likely to betray confidences or cause misunderstandings between friends.

Men who demand their own way and like to be at the helm of things will not be easy to deal with in this period. They will, probably, be more impetuous and commanding than usual. They will suffer if they yield too much to the influence, for they are in danger of discarding the good advice of subordinates or obstinately doing something that their own better judgment would not countenance in calmer moods.

Hastiness of speech, quickness to anger, disregard for the feelings of milder persons and lack of discretion are under evil omens.

This will be an unfortunate day for speculation.

Persons born during the next seventeen days are Aries subjects, and are endowed as a rule with the qualities of leadership, direction, government, expression and teaching. They incline toward overwork, being prone to concentrate feverishly on some absorbing subject. They will do well to respect the warnings of fatigued nerves or brain and seek recreation at such times.

Red, white, rose-pink, and purple are sympathetic colors usually. The birthstones are diamond and amber.

Women and men whose birth date this is will find during the year by being careful not to overestimate the value of things. There is a sign that November and April are lucky months for them.

Children born today are under aspects that promise frankness, courage, artistic happiness, and a desire to venture into danger.

Correct Standing Position An Easy Habit to Acquire

THE correct standing position has been frequently described, but as frequently forgotten, or at least neglected.

Chest up is the essential direction, and one might almost say, the only one needed, since in lifting the chest the shoulders are at the same time thrown back and down and the abdomen drawn in; to swell the chest with a full deep breath and to hold the position is the secret of the correct position.

The chin should be held up, but not stiffly so, and the weight should be on the balls of the feet instead of on the heels. One can teach oneself to take invariably that position when rising from a chair, at first consciously and afterward unconsciously.

An old-fashioned exercise for a graceful, erect carriage is that of walking around the room with a heavy book on top of the head. The effort to keep it in place will keep the head and all the rest of the body balanced and poised. Our grandmothers claim to have practiced this fifteen minutes or more each day, in their childhood. It is simple and effective. One may add to the difficulty by taking some of the simple physical exercises that strengthen the back and legs, expand the chest and teach one balance with the book still on the head.

Rising slowly on the toes, and lifting the arms just as slowly until they are on a level with the shoulders; at the same time inhaling a deep, full breath, and then as slowly lowering the arms and feet and exhaling the breath, may become quite a strenuous undertaking with the book in place. Try the same exercise, lifting one leg, first at the side, and then at the front, and balancing on the other, or extending one leg in front and then bending it at the knee. Try walking on the toes with the arms outstretched and the book on the head. The trunk-bending movements, forward, backward, and sideways, are all wonderfully good for strengthening the muscles of the back, and making those of the waist flexible as well as strong. The book must be performed be dispensed with in these exercises.

Menus Kept in Writing Said to Decrease Bills

Written menus planned for a week help very much in decreasing the bills. If you treat yourself and your guest one day to mushrooms and artichokes and expensive ices, you can remember, as you write the order for the next day, to even up with your own favorite economical dishes.

A well-balanced menu, which is more easily secured with items down in black and white, contributes much to the health of the family—to father's energy, mother's serenity, and the children's rosy cheeks.

Such a simple system of economizing is worth while since it conduces to economy of time, effort, nervous force, and money, and contributes to the health, happiness, and peace of mind of the entire household.

Parasol Designs Varied For the Coming Season

Never were the parasols as beautiful as this season and never were the shapes and designs so varied. The four rib and sixteen rib effects take their place with the ordinary eight rib number.

Among the novelties for spring are the balloon shaped shades, as well as the mushroom parasol. The covers also offer much novelty in this line. Plain and fancy silks are used extensively. Some of the plain silk shades are often enhanced by fancy borders and fringe, is much in evidence. Chiffon shades in plain and lace effects are also to be seen. Eyelet embroidered linens and pongee cover the simpler numbers, which, as a rule, show the plain wooden handles.

The more elaborate shades have very long handles which often extend above the shade so the parasol can be carried top up. Some of the handles are immense and of very curious designs. Birds, animals, ummense knobs, and numerous other unique designs are seen at the end of the handles.

Big Demand for Pork, Despite High Prices

Even though pork is higher than it has been in many years there is a persistent demand for it, which is one of the reasons why the price remains high. Young pigs are quoted at just about double the figures of a year ago, yet there is a ready market for all that are sent in. The range of market for good young pigs of choice stock is from \$2.50 to \$4.

South Carolina begins its shipment of produce in the spring with cabbage, and, while they have been coming in small lots for several days, with the price at wholesale from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per crate, car load shipments are expected before the end of next week and the price will decline, according to the opinion of the Washington dealers.

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